

Constitution of the Kansas Association for Floodplain Management, Inc.

Preamble

The topography, climate, location and settlement patterns of Kansas have resulted in loss of life, frequent damage to property and homes, and severe derangement of natural hydrologic systems. This Association is formed to unite persons involved in resource management in a common effort to plan for the wise use of the state's extensive floodplains.

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be Kansas Association for Floodplain Management, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Association. The Association is incorporated under the laws of the State of Kansas as a not-for-profit corporation.

Article 2 – Location

The principal place of business of the Association shall be within the State of Kansas, United States of America.

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to promote the common interest in flood damage abatement, to enhance cooperation and to exchange information among the various related private organizations, individuals, local, state and federal agencies to encourage appropriate and effective approaches to managing the state's floodplains, and to educate the public about floodplain management.

The Association is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall personally benefit or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except to recompense for authorized services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the will of the Association.

Article 4 – Membership

Membership is open to all persons involved in floodplain management and related disciplines in the State of Kansas; to design and engineering professionals who support our efforts; to insurance professionals engaged in underwriting and marketing flood insurance; to any Federal or State official engaged in emergency management; and to any of our counterparts in any other state in this Federal region.

Article 5 – Officers

The Board of Directors shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Representative.

The terms of office for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Representative shall be for a period of one year pursuant to an election as provided in the Association's By-Laws and the terms shall continue until a new board is elected at the next annual meeting. The Kansas National Flood Insurance Coordinator, or designee, and the state representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or designee, shall be accorded honorary memberships to the Association and shall have ex-officio, non-voting seats on the Board of Directors.

Article 7 – Meetings

One meeting of the Association shall be held annually to elect officers. Other meetings may be called as provided for in the By-Laws of the Association.

Article 8 – Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by fifteen (15) voting members or ten (10) percent of the membership of the Association, whichever is less. All such petitions shall be submitted to the Association secretary. The Secretary shall draft a proposed amendment in accordance with the intent of the petition and shall give notice, by email or by mail, of same to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be discussed. The proposed amendment shall be discussed at any scheduled meeting or at a special meeting and may be amended in any manner pertinent by a majority vote at said meeting, and if amended, shall be voted upon by ballot in such form. If not amended, the proposed amendment as submitted shall be voted upon by ballot. A tellers committee appointed by the chair shall count ballots thirty (30) days after mailing. The Secretary shall notify the membership of the results.

For adoption of any amendment to the Constitution, two-thirds of the valid ballots cast shall be in the affirmative. An amendment that has been adopted shall become effective ten (10) days after counting the ballots.

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any Association meeting.

Article 9 – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association to such organization or organizations operating exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes and, at the time, qualifying as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article 10 - Parliamentary Law

In all questions involving parliamentary procedure, including election procedures not covered by the By-Laws of the Association or established by the Board of Directors, Robert's Rules of Order shall generally be followed as the governing authority.

Article 11 - Association Records and Reports

1. Section Inspection or Records.


- a) The original Constitution and By-Laws and copies thereof as amended to date, certified by the Secretary, shall be kept on file at a location selected by the Board of Directors and open to inspection at all reasonable times.
- b) The minutes of the Board of Directors and membership meetings and the membership register shall be kept on file at a location selected by the Board of Directors and open to inspection at a reasonable time upon written demand of any member for any purpose reasonably related to his interest as a member.
- c) The books of account shall be kept on file at a location selected by the Board of Directors and open to inspection at any reasonable time upon written demand of any member for any purpose reasonably related to his interest as a member.

Article 12 - Saving Clause

Should any provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid, then the remainder of the same or the application for such provision to other circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

This Constitution shall be in force and effect from and after its adoption by a majority vote of the general membership.

Approved by the Association and signed by the Chairman on September 6, 2012.



Don E. Slone, AICP, CFM, Chairman

ATTEST:



Mark Vonachen, CFM, Secretary

Acknowledgement:

State of Kansas
County of Reno

Be it remembered that on this 6th day of September, 2012, before me, the undersigned, a notary public, in and for said county and state, came Mark Vonachen who is personally known to me, to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged the execution of the same. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal on the day and year written above.

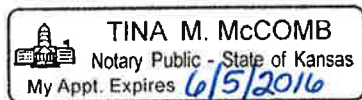


Notary Public

6/5/2016.

My Commission Expires

(Seal)



Adopted: September 8, 2011 @ Annual Business Meeting
Amended: September 6, 2012 @ Annual Business Meeting